

11 to the radius of curvatures of the retaining rod 3 and the guide sleeve 4. On one hand, the roller bearing elements 12, which consist of a polyurethane rubber or PUR material, cause the guide sleeve 4 to be moved easily. On the other hand, the roller bearing elements 12 remain fixed in the position adjusted by the user.

Page 4, lines 21-23, please amend the paragraph, as follows:

12 Fig. 3 shows the neckrest N of the present invention as shown in Fig. 2. However, the neckrest N shown in Fig. 3 has the head-rest 5 connected to the guide sleeve 4 via a joint including a rolling element 15 and a fastening device 16.

Page 5, line 13, please amend the heading, as follows:

13 List of Reference Characters

Page 6, line 9, please insert, as follows:

14 -- N Neckrest--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1-4 as shown in clean form below. A Marked-Up Copy of the amended claims is attached.

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1. (Amended) A neckrest for a chair having a backrest, the neckrest configured to be attached to a backrest shield of the backrest of the chair in a height-adjustable manner, the neckrest comprising:

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a retaining rod being curved along a length thereof at a predetermined radius of curvature and configured to be connected to the backrest shield via a movable connection so as to be tiltable by up to approximately 30° in a vertical plane vertically with respect to a backrest surface of the backrest;

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a guide sleeve curved along a length thereof at a same predetermined radius of curvature as the retaining rod and being mounted on the retaining rod so as to be slidingly shiftable by up to approximately 200 mm on the retaining rod; and

a headrest connected to the guide sleeve, wherein when the guide sleeve is slidingly shifted on the retaining rod, the headrest moves along a curved path according to the predetermined radius of curvatures of the retaining rod and the guide sleeve.

2. (Amended) A neckrest for a chair having a backrest, the neckrest^{added} [configured] to be attached to a backrest shield of the backrest of the chair in a height-adjustable manner, the neckrest comprising:

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a retaining rod being circular in cross-section and ~~configured~~ ^{added} to be connected to the backrest shield via a movable connection so as to be tiltable by up to approximately 30° in a vertical plane vertically with respect to a backrest surface of the backrest; and

a guide sleeve being circular in cross-section and being mounted on the retaining rod so as to be slidingly shiftable by up to approximately 200 mm on the retaining rod,

wherein the retaining rod includes a molding provided on a side of the retaining rod which is closest to the backrest, the molding being seated in a housing having a recess, and the molding having a round surface which slides under pressure on a friction dampening device so as to achieve the movable connection.

3. (Amended) The neckrest of claim 2, wherein the friction dampening device is made of a polyurethane rubber (PUR) material.

4. (Amended) A neckrest^{added} for a chair having a backrest, the neckrest^{added} [configured] to be attached to a backrest shield of the backrest of the chair in a height-adjustable manner, the neckrest comprising: